

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims, amended as indicated below, will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) The portable terminal equipment according to claim 19, wherein said preview control means previews said character string in a predetermined format.

3. (Previously Presented) The portable terminal equipment according to claim 2, wherein:

terminal equipment to which said e-mail is being sent has a display format which is independent of the display format of the terminal equipment sending the e-mail; and

the previewed e-mail is displayed in the format of terminal equipment to which said e-mail is sent.

4. (Previously Presented) The portable terminal equipment according to claim 19, wherein said plurality of dots are formed in a cluster.

5. (Previously Presented) The portable terminal equipment according to claim 19, further comprising:

first setting means for setting the number of characters per line; and

wherein said preview control means previews said character string according to setting set by said first setting means.

6. (Previously Presented) The portable terminal equipment according to claim 19, further comprising:

insertion means operative when the number of characters in a character string inputted by said input means exceeds a predetermined number of characters, to insert a carriage return and line feed code before the character exceeding the predetermined number of characters; and

wherein said preview control means displays said character string inputted by said input means in a format according to said carriage return and line feed code.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The portable terminal equipment according to claim 6, further comprising second setting means for setting said predetermined number of characters.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The portable terminal equipment according to claim 19, further comprising display processing means displaying a predetermined part of said previewed e-mail in the original character form.

9. **(Original)** The portable terminal equipment according to claim 8, wherein said predetermined part is a part including the left end of said previewed e-mail.

10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Previously Presented)** The portable terminal equipment according to claim 20, wherein said predetermined part includes the beginning part of a line of said e-mail displayed on said terminal equipment.

12. **(Canceled)**

13. **(Previously Presented)** The method for previewing e-mail according to claim 21, further comprising a step of selecting a preview function.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The method for previewing e-mail according to claim 21, wherein said step of replacing each character in said character string with a dot or dots replaces said each character of said character string in a predetermined format with a dot or dots.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The method for previewing e-mail according to claim 14, wherein said e-mail is displayed in the format of terminal equipment to which said e-mail is sent.

16. (Previously Presented) The method for previewing e-mail according to claim 21, wherein said plurality of dots are formed in a cluster.

17. (Previously Presented) The method for previewing e-mail according to claim 21, wherein said each character in said character string is replaced with a dot or dots by starting a new line according to a predetermined number of characters per line.

18. (Previously Presented) The method for previewing e-mail according to claim 21, wherein when the character string of said inputted e-mail exceeds a predetermined number of characters, a carriage return and line feed code is inserted before a character exceeding the number of characters and said each character in said character string is replaced with a dot or dots according to the carriage return and line feed code.

19. (Previously Presented) Portable terminal equipment comprising:

input means for inputting characters;

display means;

a wireless transmitting and receiving unit; and

a control unit which is programmed to implement the functions of creating, displaying, sending and receiving e-mail, all of the components thereof being housed in a compact unit for convenient portable use,

wherein the control unit includes preview control means that previews a character string prepared for transmission as e-mail to receiving terminal equipment having a display format which is independent of the display format of the sending terminal equipment,

the preview control means being operative to preview the character string by replacing each character in the character string with one or a plurality of dots.

20. (Previously Presented) Portable terminal equipment comprising:

input means for inputting characters;

display means;

a wireless transmitting and receiving unit; and

a control unit which is programmed to implement the functions of creating, displaying, sending, and receiving e-mail, all of the components thereof being housed in a compact unit for convenient portable use, wherein:

the control unit includes display processing means that displays characters of a predetermined part of an e-mail being prepared for transmission; and

the display is in a format corresponding to that of a display at terminal equipment to which said e-mail is being sent.

21. (Previously Presented) A method for previewing e-mail being sent from portable terminal equipment which includes input means for inputting characters, display means, a wireless transmitting and receiving unit, and a control unit which is programmed to implement the functions of creating, displaying, sending, and receiving e-mail, and previewing e-mail being prepared for transmission to receiving terminal equipment, wherein the receiving terminal equipment includes a display unit having a format which is independent of the display format of the sending terminal equipment., the method comprising the steps of:

replacing each character in a character string inputted for transmission as e-mail with one or a plurality of dots; and

previewing said character string in which said each character is replaced with the dot or dots in the display format of the receiving terminal equipment.